

REMARKS

Claim Objections

Claims 14, 16 and 19 are objected to because of noted informalities. Applicants have amended claims 14, 16 and 19 to correct the noted informalities.

Claim Rejections-35 USC § 112

Claims 7 and 16 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, the Examiner asserted that the phrase “most of said second region” is indefinite. Applicants assert that the phrase “most of” indicates a substantial part of a whole, but not the whole. Accordingly, the term “most of” would be an amount largely but not wholly that which is specified. In response to the Examiner’s question as to the exact percentage would correspond to the term “most of,” Applicants assert that the term “most of” does not directly correlate to any particular percentage. However, in the present instance, Applicant’s understanding of the definition of “most of” would be, at a minimum, an amount exceeding fifty percent. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 7 and 16 to use the phrase “more than half” instead of “most.” Applicants respectfully assert that the language of claims 7 and 16, as amended, is proper, and that Claims 7 and 16 now meet the requirements of 35 USC § 112.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully

requested that the Examiner telephone Kenneth Glass, Applicants' Attorney at (408) 354-4448 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments presented herein, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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